

# PK/PD to fight resistance



- Eradicate
  - Abnormal bacteria
  - Mutations
  - Efflux pumps
- Mutation-Preventing Concentration
- Breakpoint values for  $T > MIC$
- and in practice ...

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# Mutant selection : role of antibiotics ...

**High  
selection  
pressure**

gene



enzyme / nucleoproteine



fonction

Poorly active  
antibiotics...

The worse you can do is  
to not kill bacteria

!!!

**therefore,  
eradicate**

...

## NOTES

Unkilled bacteria look  
abnormal ...  
this has been known  
for a long time

### Abnormal Morphology of Bacteria in the Sputa of Patients Treated with Antibiotics

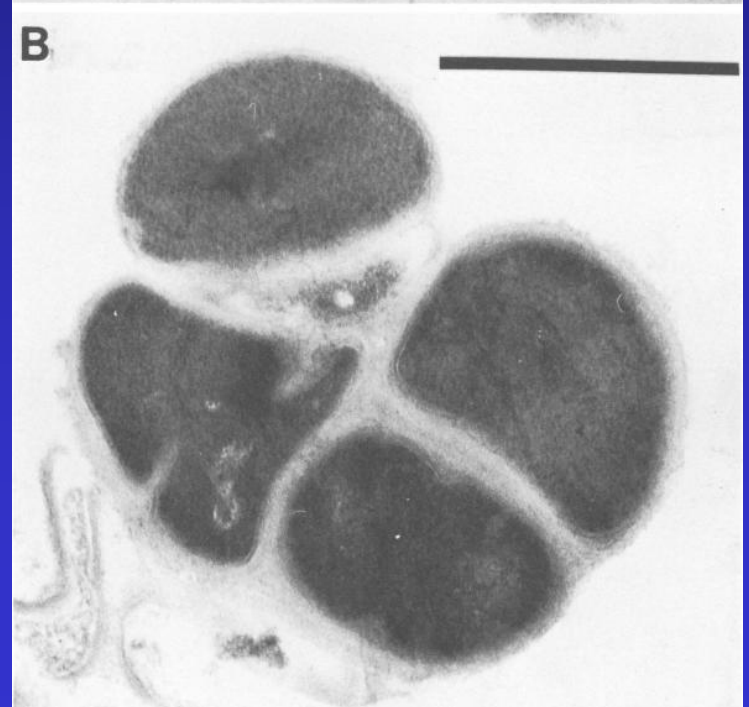
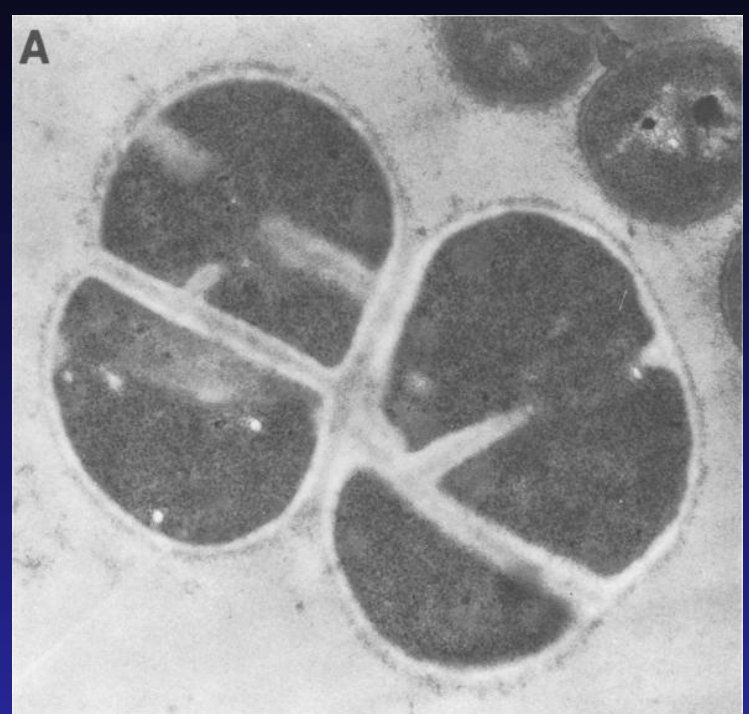
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Filaments of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* were observed by Gram stain in the sputum of a patient with a respiratory infection who was treated with half the usual dose of cefazolin. Identical filaments were observed in vitro when this strain was incubated with subminimum inhibitory concentrations of cefazolin. Large gram-positive cocci containing multiple cross walls were observed by electron microscopy in the sputum of a patient with a respiratory infection who was treated with ampicillin and gentamicin. Antibiotic administration was suspended the night before the sputum was obtained. The ultrastructure of these cocci was very similar to the ultrastructure of *Staphylococcus aureus* incubated with subminimum inhibitory concentrations of cephaloridine or oxacillin. It was suspected that the low dose of cefazolin and the intermittent therapy with ampicillin resulted in a subminimum inhibitory concentration of antibiotic in the respiratory tract which induced the abnormal morphology of the bacteria observed in the sputum of both patients. The presence of abnormal forms of bacteria in the specimen of a patient, rather than in the culture of a specimen, has clinical significance.

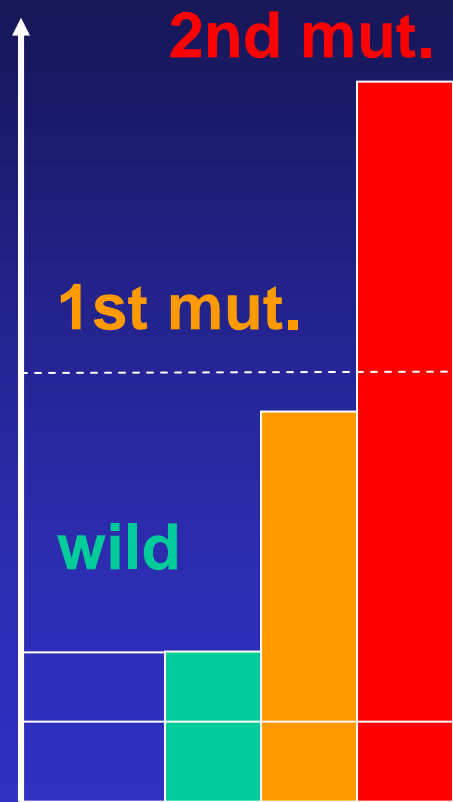
**Pictures of  
abnormal bacteria  
upon exposure to  
subinhibitory  
concentrations ...**



Lorian et al., J. Clin. Microbio. 16:382-386,1982

# Less potent antibiotics are more prone to lose their activity against mutated targets ...

MIC



Limit of clinical susceptibility

Example for a « weak » quinolone :  
Two mutations make it clinically inefficient ...

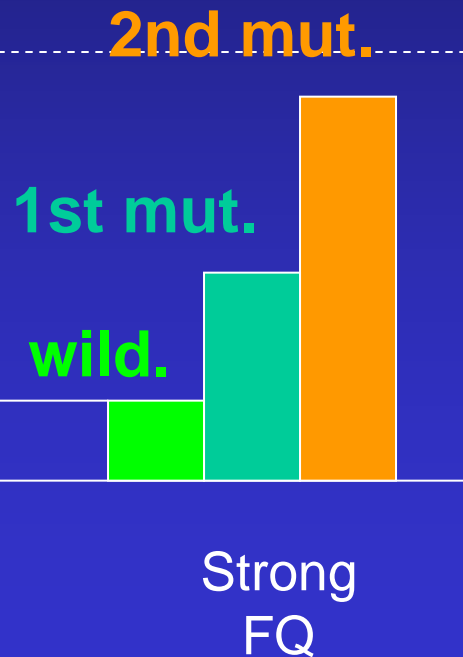
Weak FQ

In contrast, more potent antibiotics remain active even on first-step mutants...

**MIC**

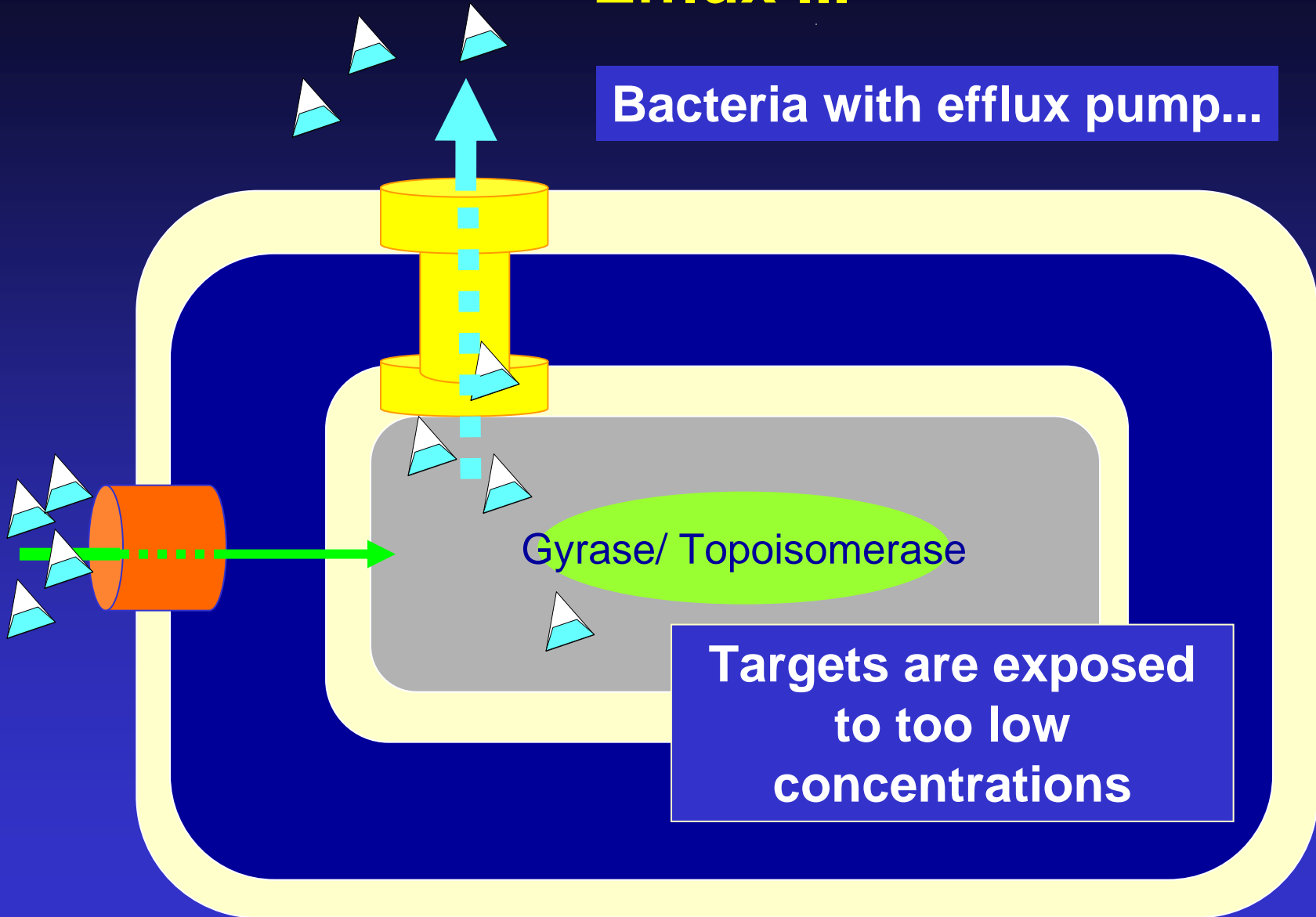
Example for a « strong » quinolone :  
two mutations do not prevent it to be active  
...

**Limit of Clinical susceptibility**



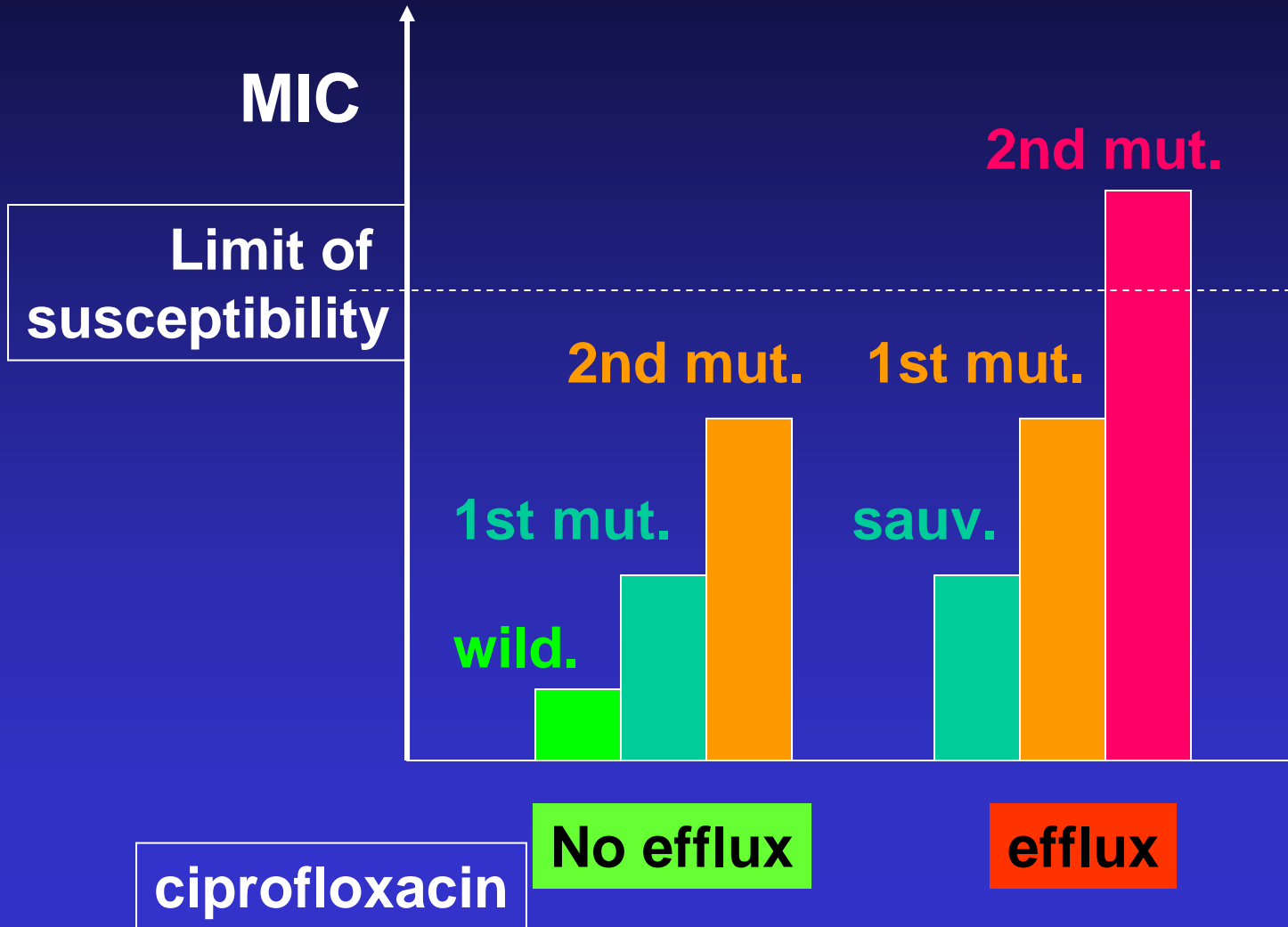
# Efflux ...

Bacteria with efflux pump...



Targets are exposed  
to too low  
concentrations

# Efflux and mutations cooperate to surpass the susceptibility limit ...



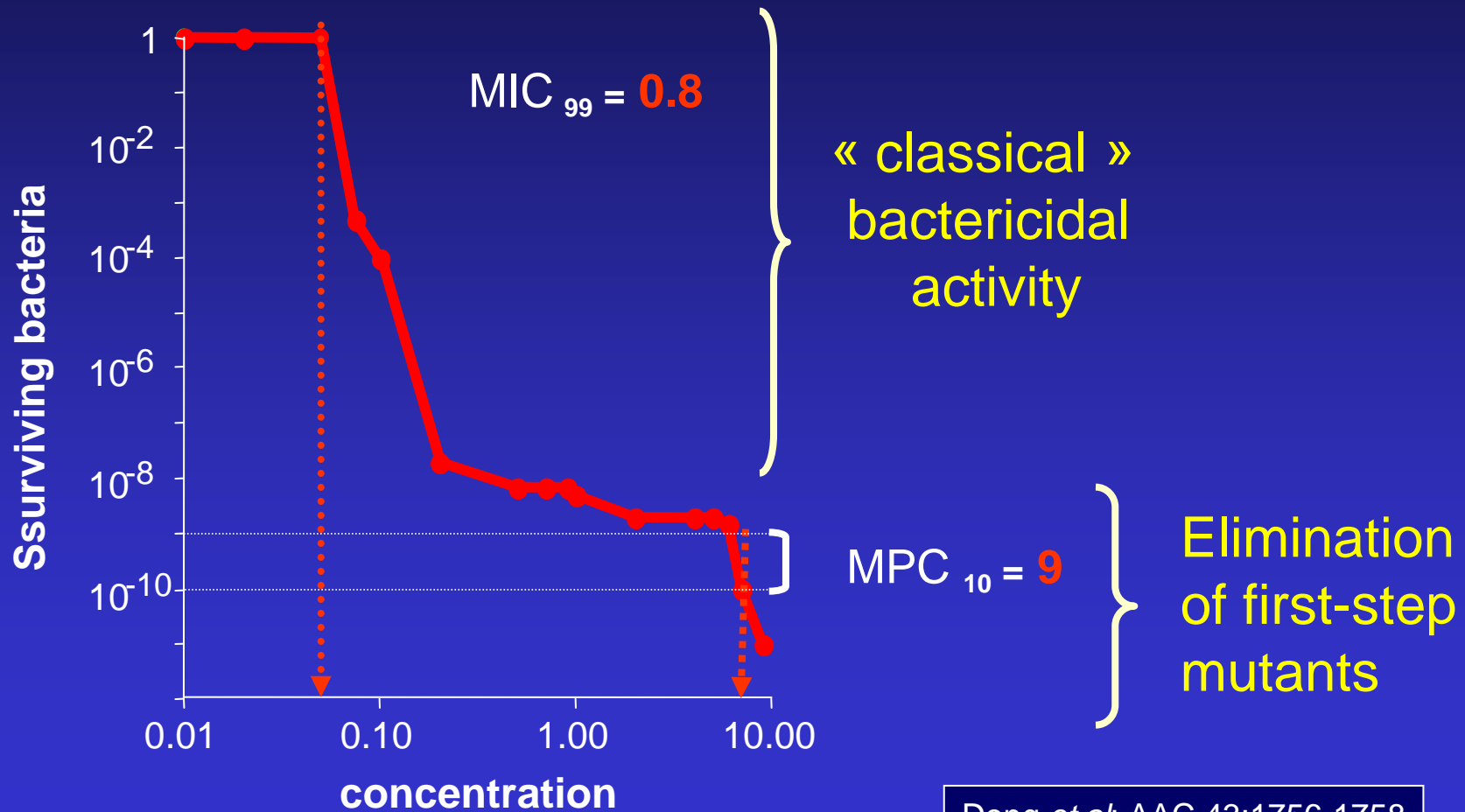


## 4 reasons to eradicate ...

- Killed bacteria do not mutate anymore ...  
(simple application of Darwin's concepts...)
- If they are killed, they cannot contaminate their neighbors ...  
(basic principle for epidemiology actions ...)
- After all, if Pasteur is right (and he is...), don't we need to eliminate the pathogen to cure ?  
(physiopathological basis of infectious diseases...)
- Don't you wish that you patient recovers more quickly and defenitely ?  
(a satisfied patient will be faithfully)

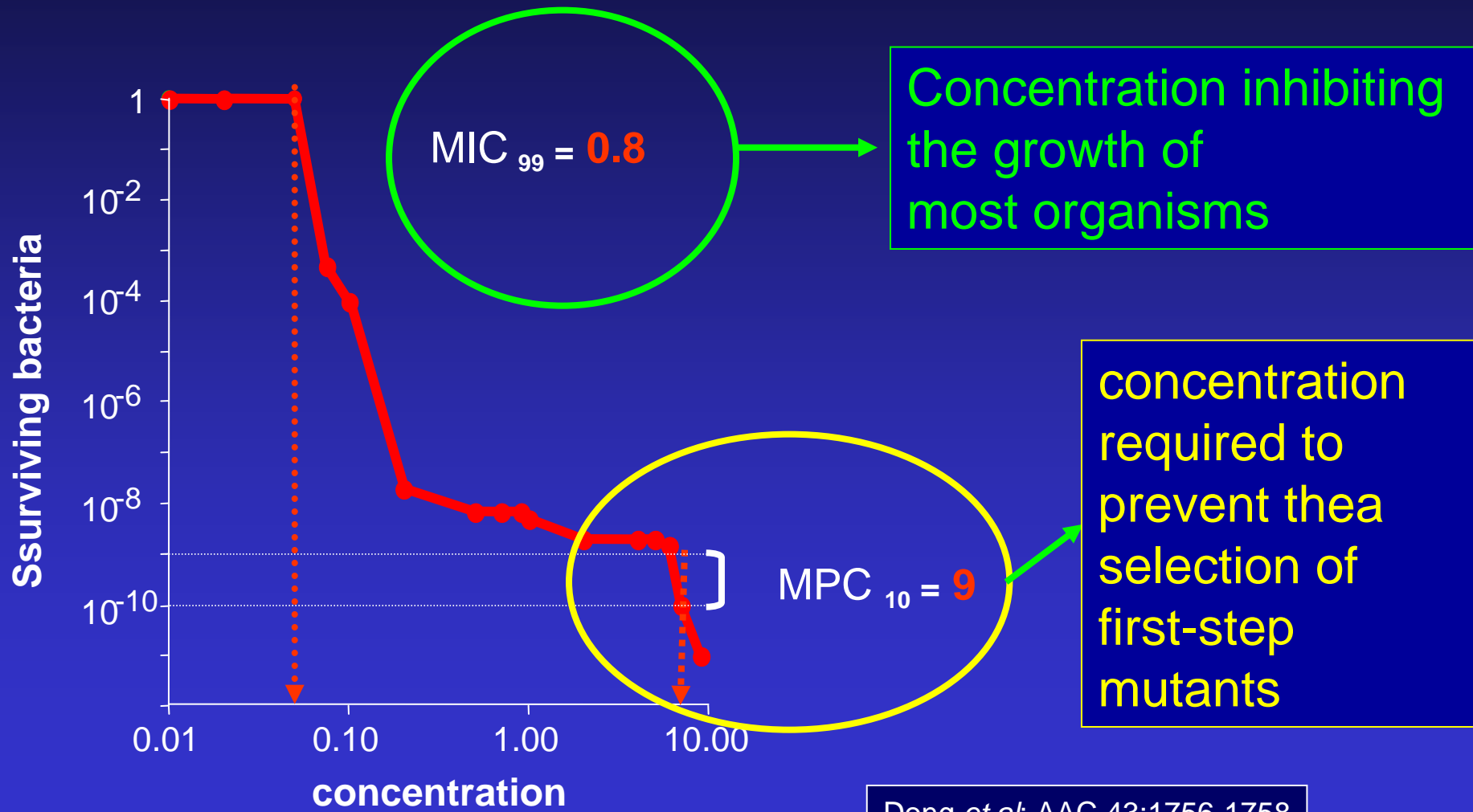
# Mutation-Preventing Concentration (MPC)...

Example: bactericidal activity of FQs vs *Mycobacterium bovis*



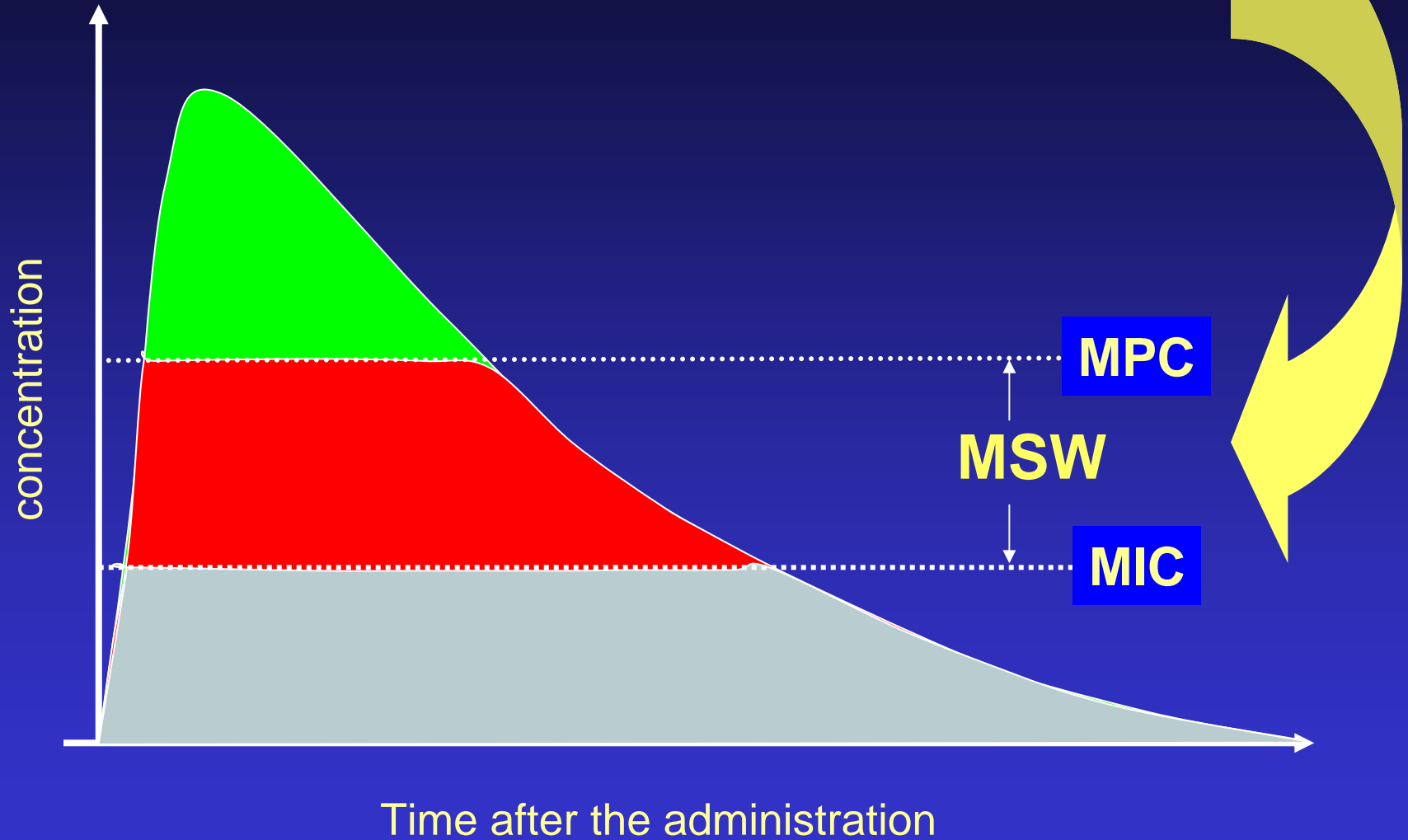
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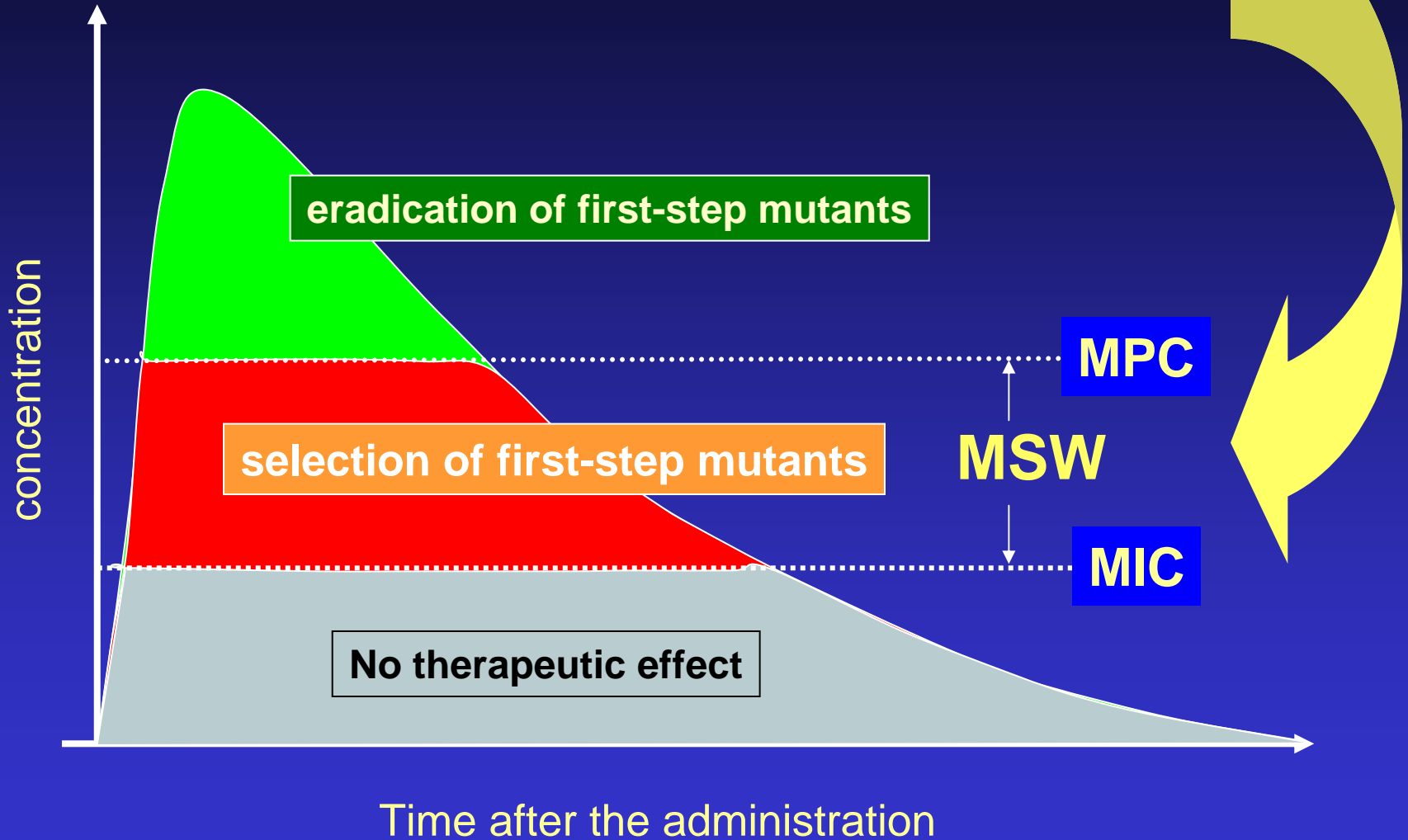
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# Mutant Selection Window (MSW)...

will kill  
everything

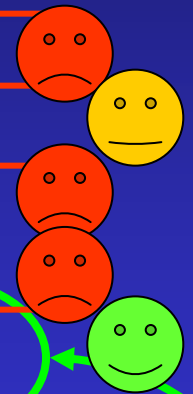
will cause  
resistance

no effect



# PK/PD and MPC: stay above the MPC to avoid mutant selection

Drug	Dosage (unitary)	C <sub>max</sub> (mg/L)	observed MPC (mg/L)
norfloxacin	400	1.2 *	~ 2.0
ciprofloxacin	500	2.4 *	~ 2.0
ofloxacin	200	1.5-3 *, +	~ 5.0
levofloxacin	500	5-6 *, +	~ 9.6
moxifloxacin	400	4.5 *	~ 1.4



**Due to the presence of C8-methoxy**

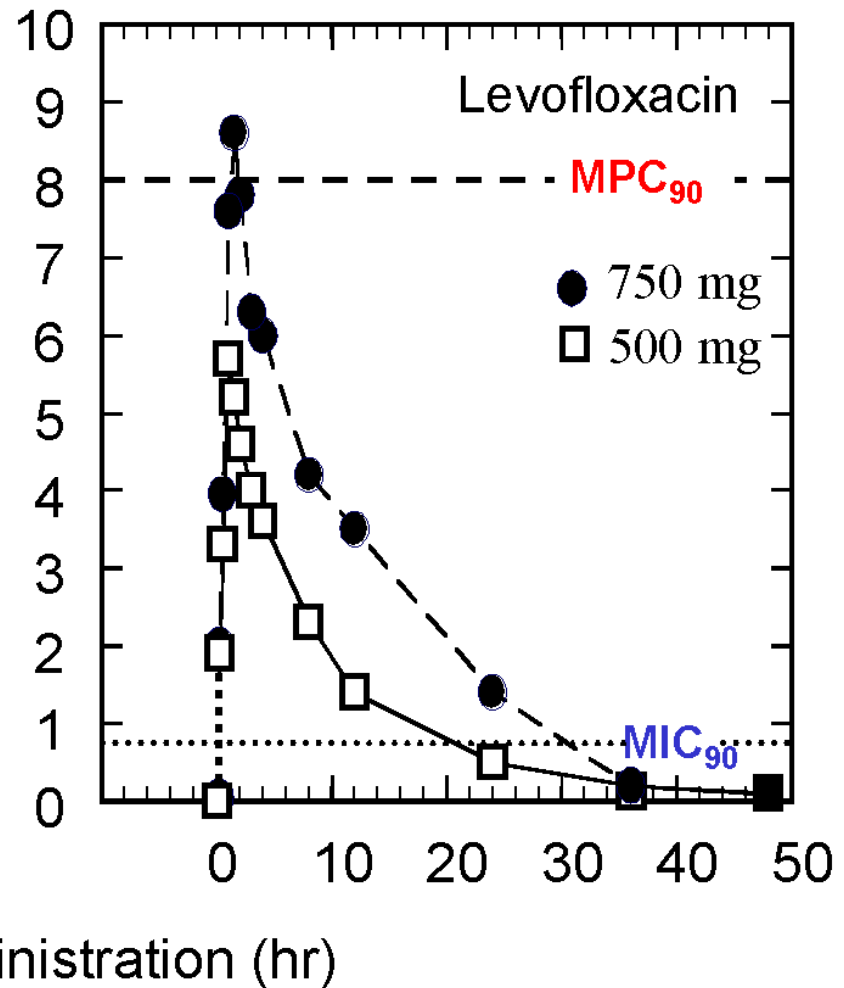
\* Data from registration files  
 # literature data;  
 + first dose and equilibrium

# MPC and levofloxacin in practice...

for levofloxacin,  
serum concentrations remain  
> MIC during 20 h  
BUT are always < MPC  
Of pneumococci

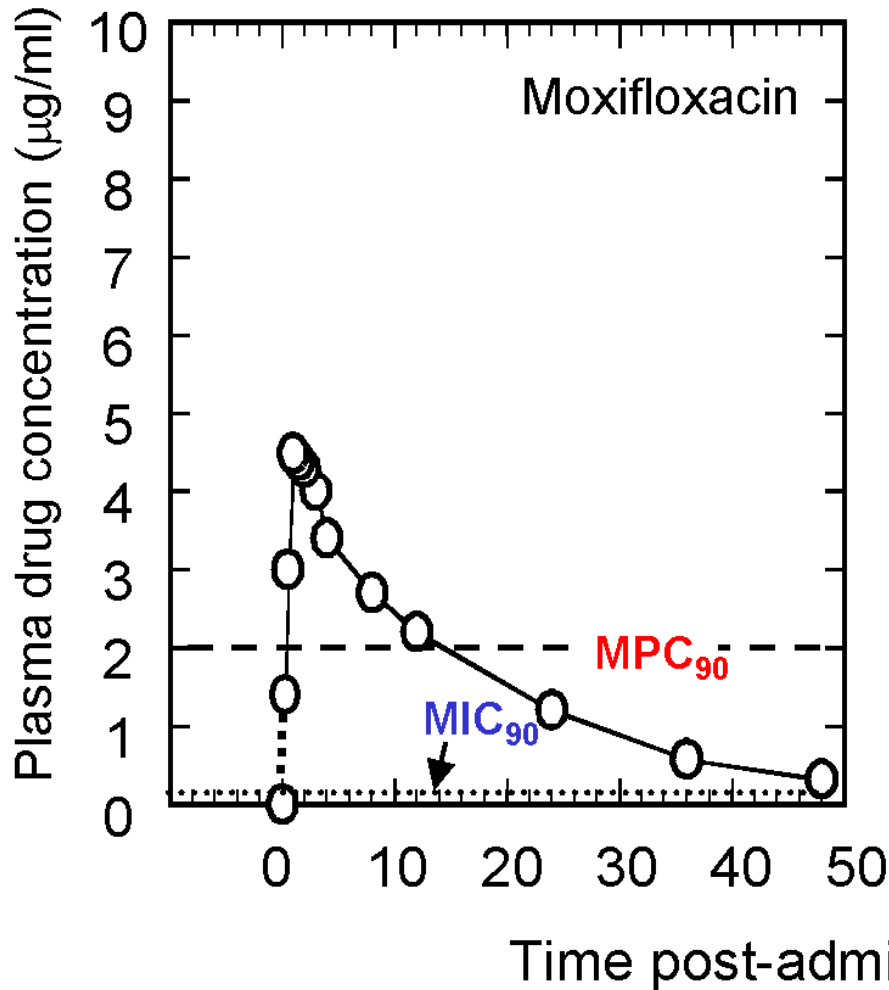


High risk for selection  
of resistance !





# MPC and moxifloxacin in practice ...



In contrast, for moxifloxacin, serum concentrations remain above the MPC of pneumococci during at least 14 h



**Lower risk for selection of resistance**

# Exercise with fluoroquinolones...

Prevention of resistance  
and efficacy:

- $\text{peak} / \text{MIC} > 12$   
and/or  $> \text{MPC}$
- $\text{AUC} / \text{MIC} > 100$   
(non fully immunocompetent  
patients)



$AUC_{24h} / MIC = 125$  **AND**  $Peak / MIC > 10$  as parameters defining the limit of susceptibility to FQ

FQ	Dose (mg/24h)	PK/PD breakpoint (mg/L)	
		AUC/MIC *	peak / CMI ‡
norfloxacin	800	0.1	0.2
ciprofloxacin	1200	0.5	0.25
ofloxacin	200	0.1-0.2	0.15 - 0.2
levofloxacin	500	0.5	0.4 - 0.5
moxifloxacin	400	0.5	0.5

\* AUC for 24 h doses

‡  $C_{max}$  for recommended unitary doses

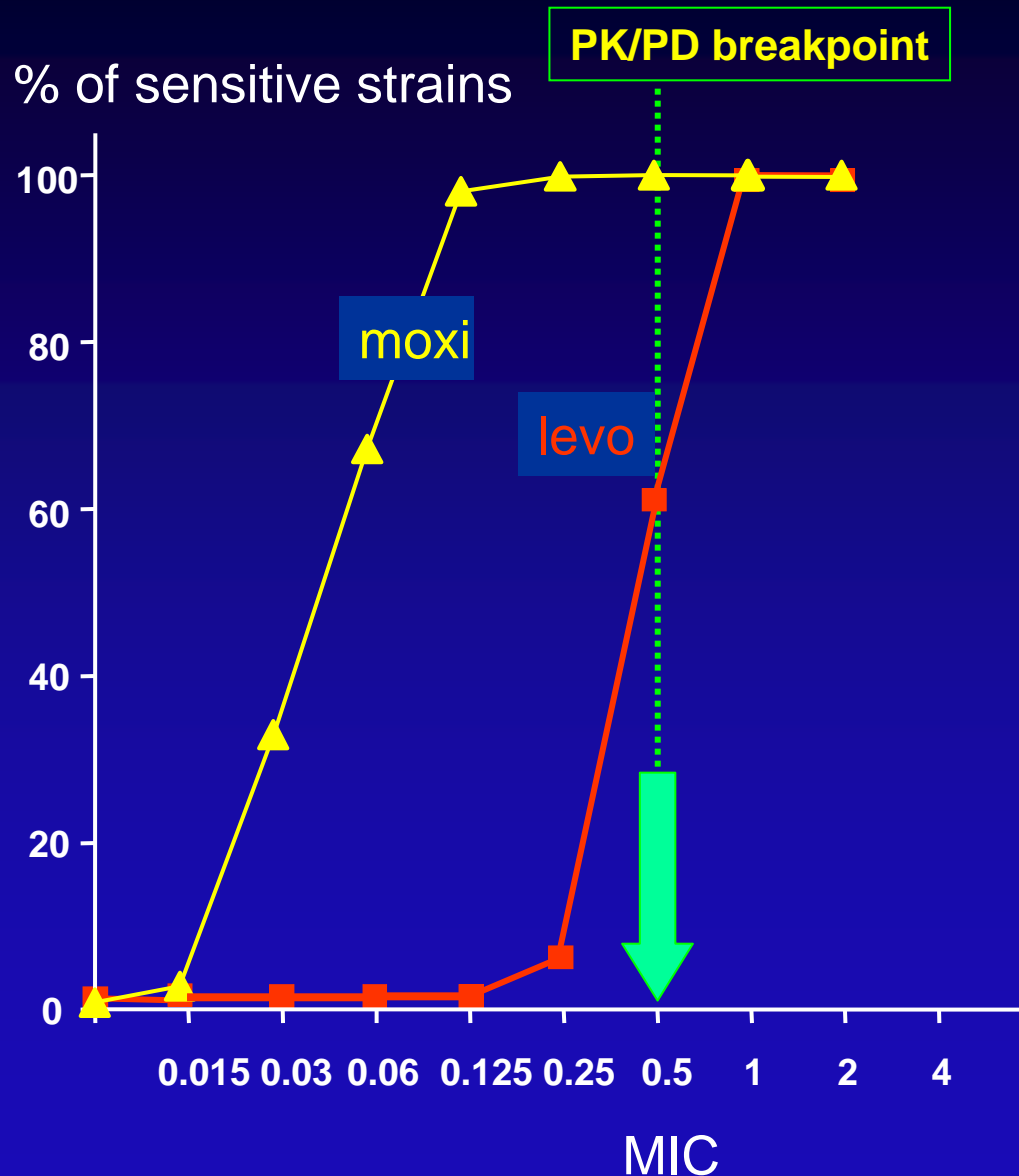
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		AUC/MIC *	peak / CMI ‡	
norfloxacin	800	0.1	0.2	4
ciprofloxacin	1200	0.5	0.25	1
ofloxacin	200	0.1-0.2	0.15 - 0.2	2
levofloxacin	500	0.5	0.4 - 0.5	2
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# Application to pneumococci from Belgium



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1X /day

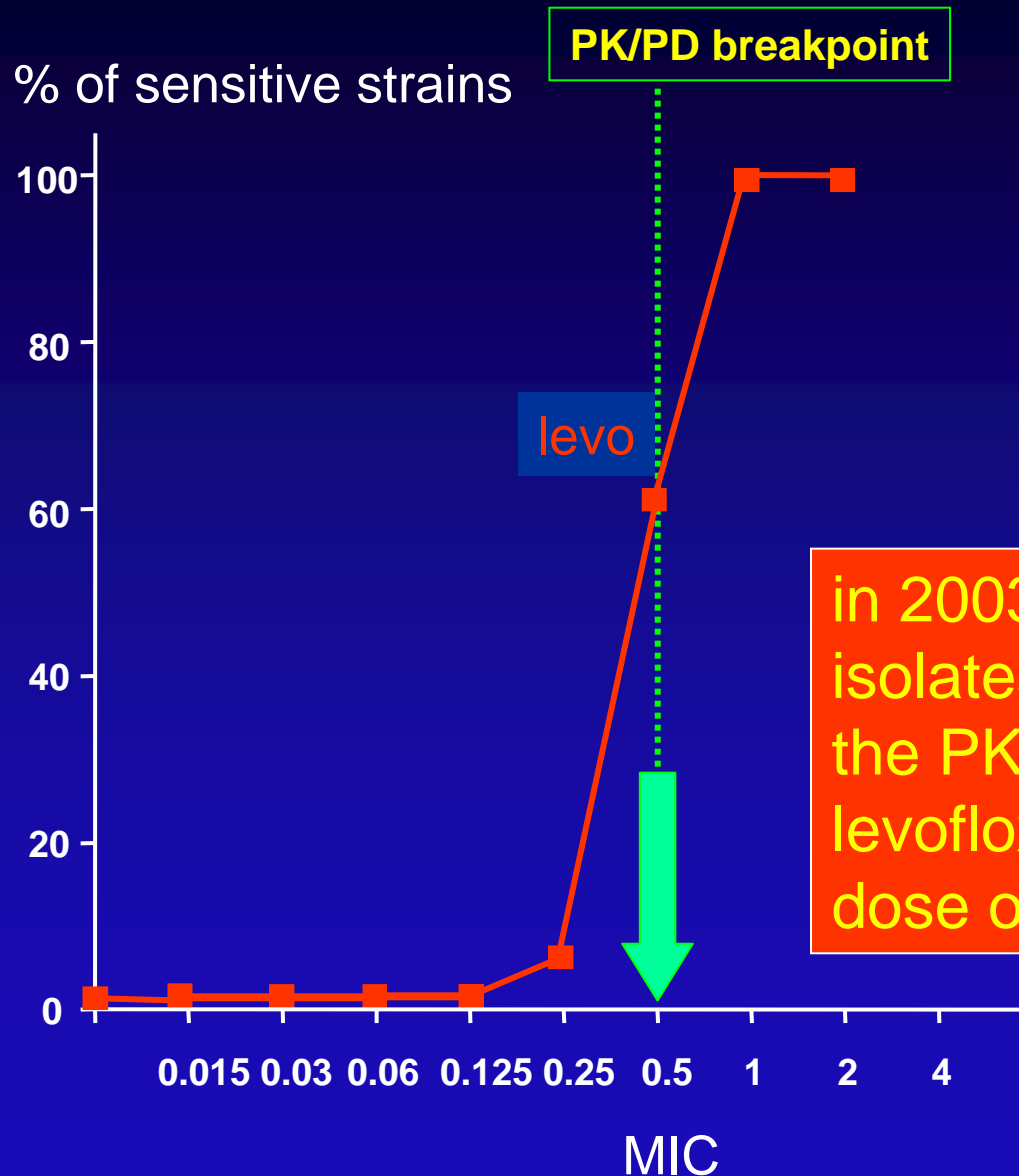
- AUC [(mg/l)xh] 47
- peak [mg/l] 5
- $MIC_{max}$  < 0.5

**Moxifloxacin** 400 mg  
1X/day

- AUC [(mg/l)xh] 48
- peak [mg/l] 4.5
- $MIC_{max}$  < 0.5

MIC data: J. Verhaegen et al., 2003

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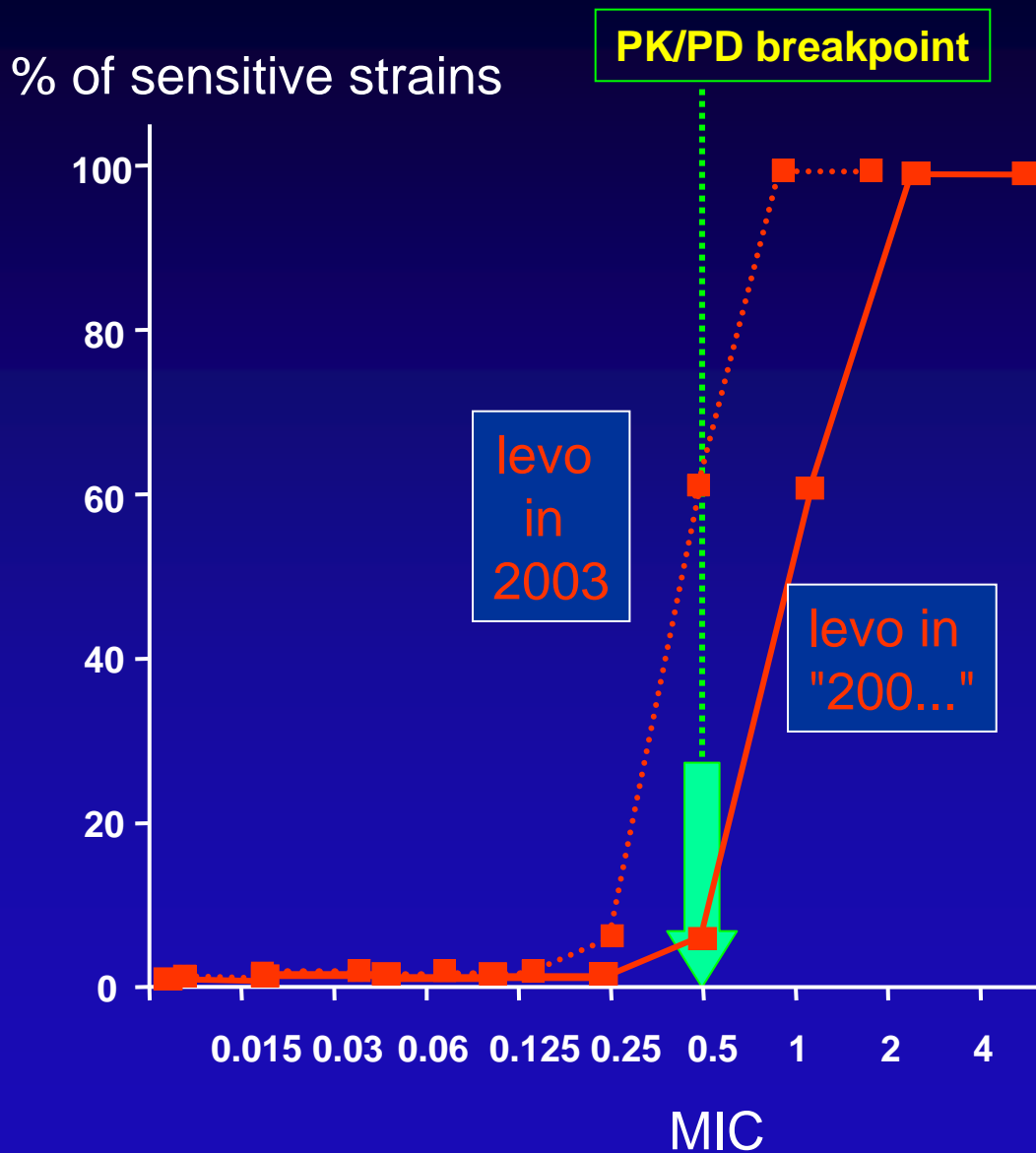
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in 2003, about 40 % of Belgian isolates had MIC higher than the PK/PD breakpoint if levofloxacin is used at a daily dose of 500 mg

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# Why do we fear a rapid emergence of resistance to levofloxacin in pneumococci in Belgium ?

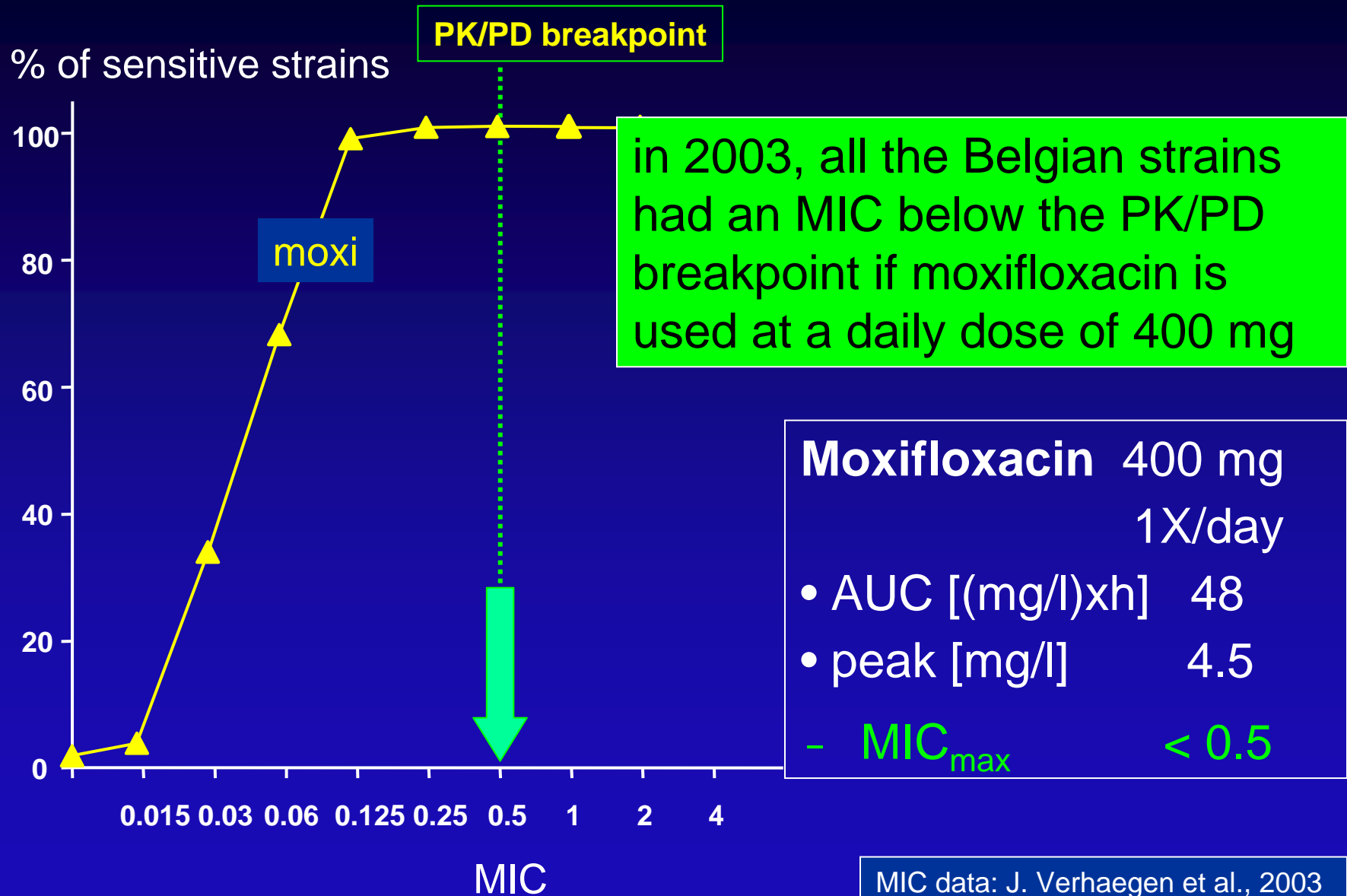


**Levofloxacin 500 mg**  
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- AUC [(mg/l)xh] 47
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Should a one-dilution reduction in susceptibility occur as compared to the 2003 values, 95% of the strains would have an MIC higher than the PK/PD ... Except if the dose is doubled ...

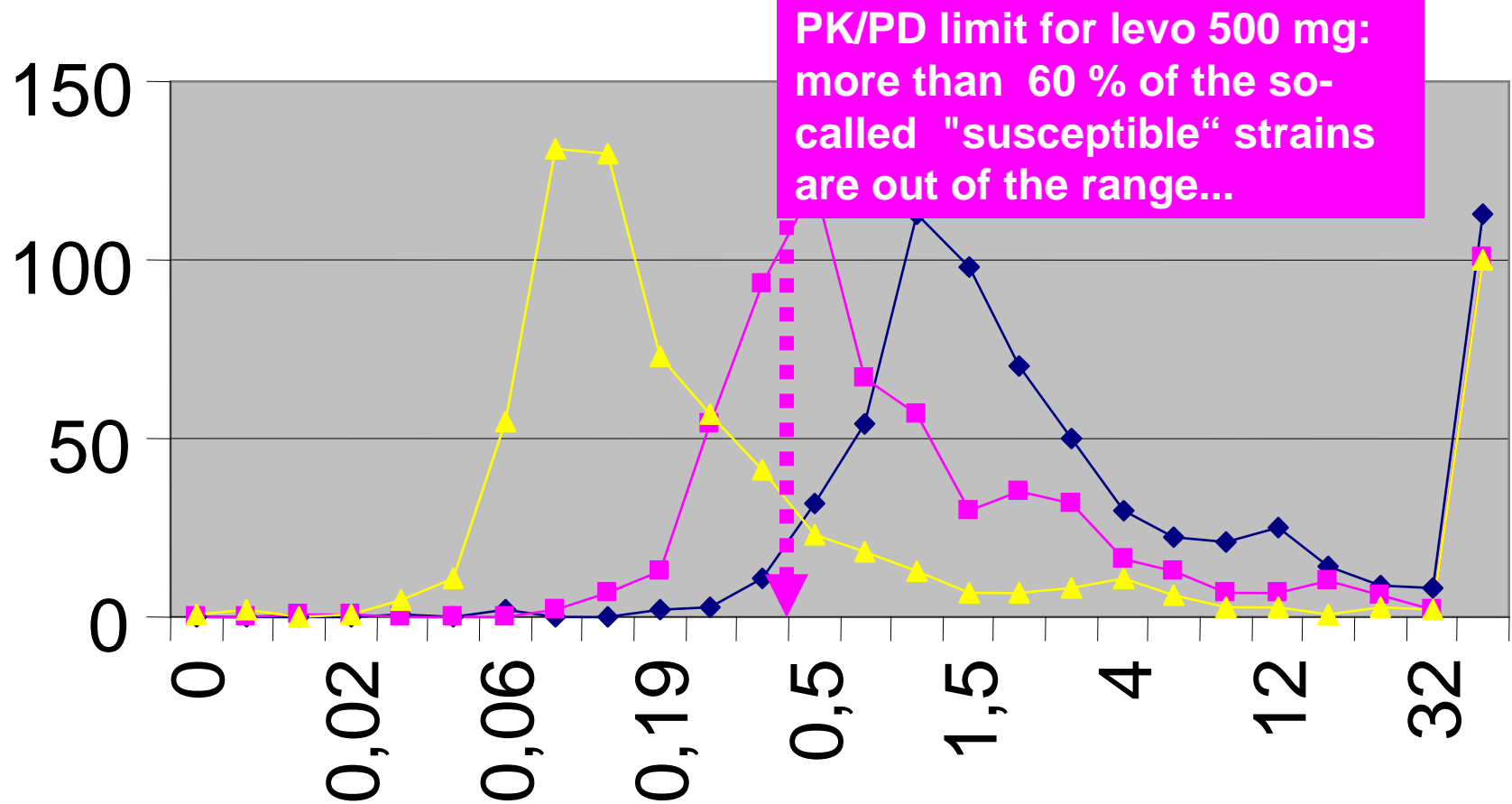
# Application to pneumococci in Belgium ...





# Can we do the exercise for *P. aeruginosa* ?

## MIC distributions for *P. aeruginosa*



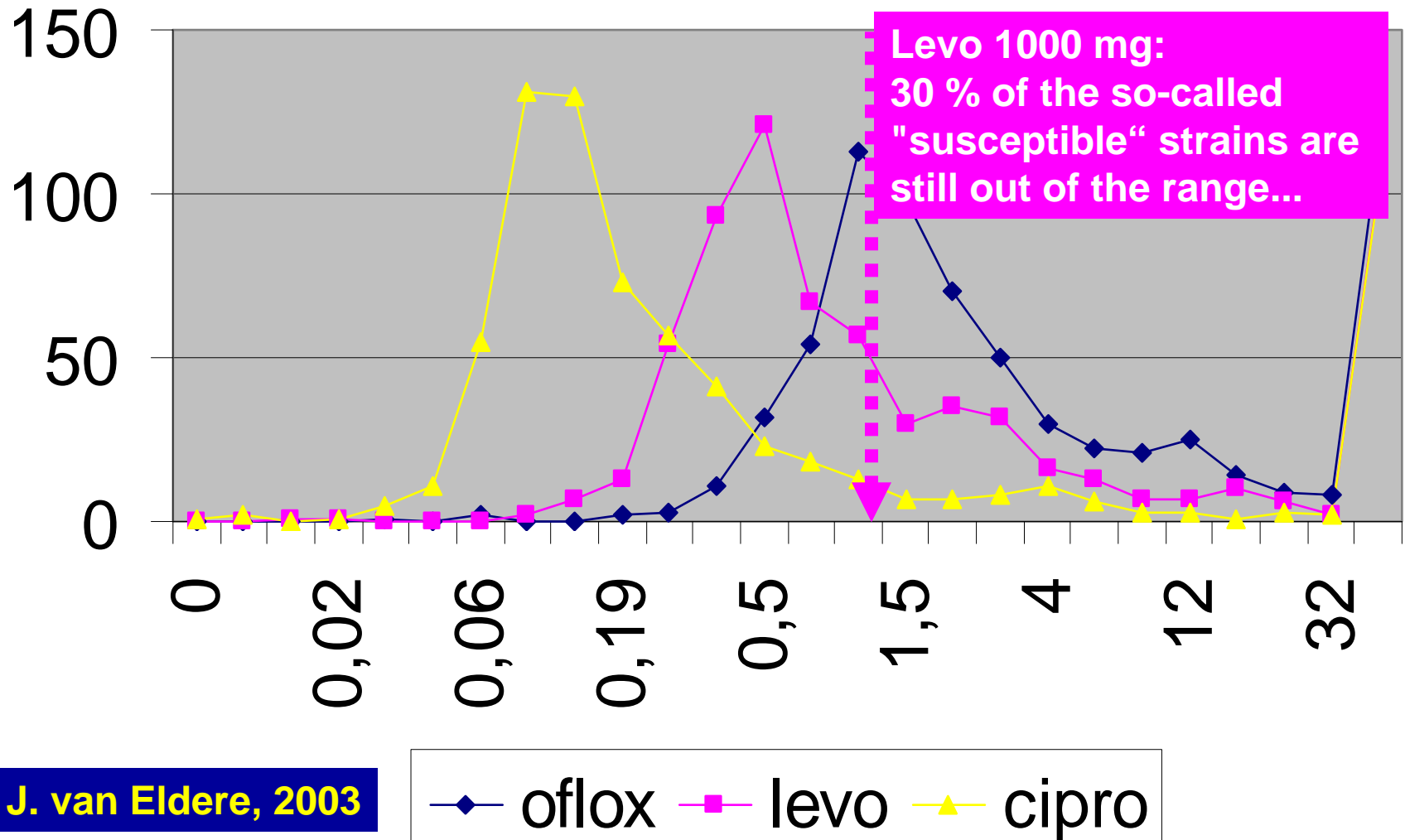
PK/PD limit for levo 500 mg:  
more than 60 % of the so-called "susceptible" strains are out of the range...

J. van Eldere, 2003



# Can we do the exercise in Belgium ?

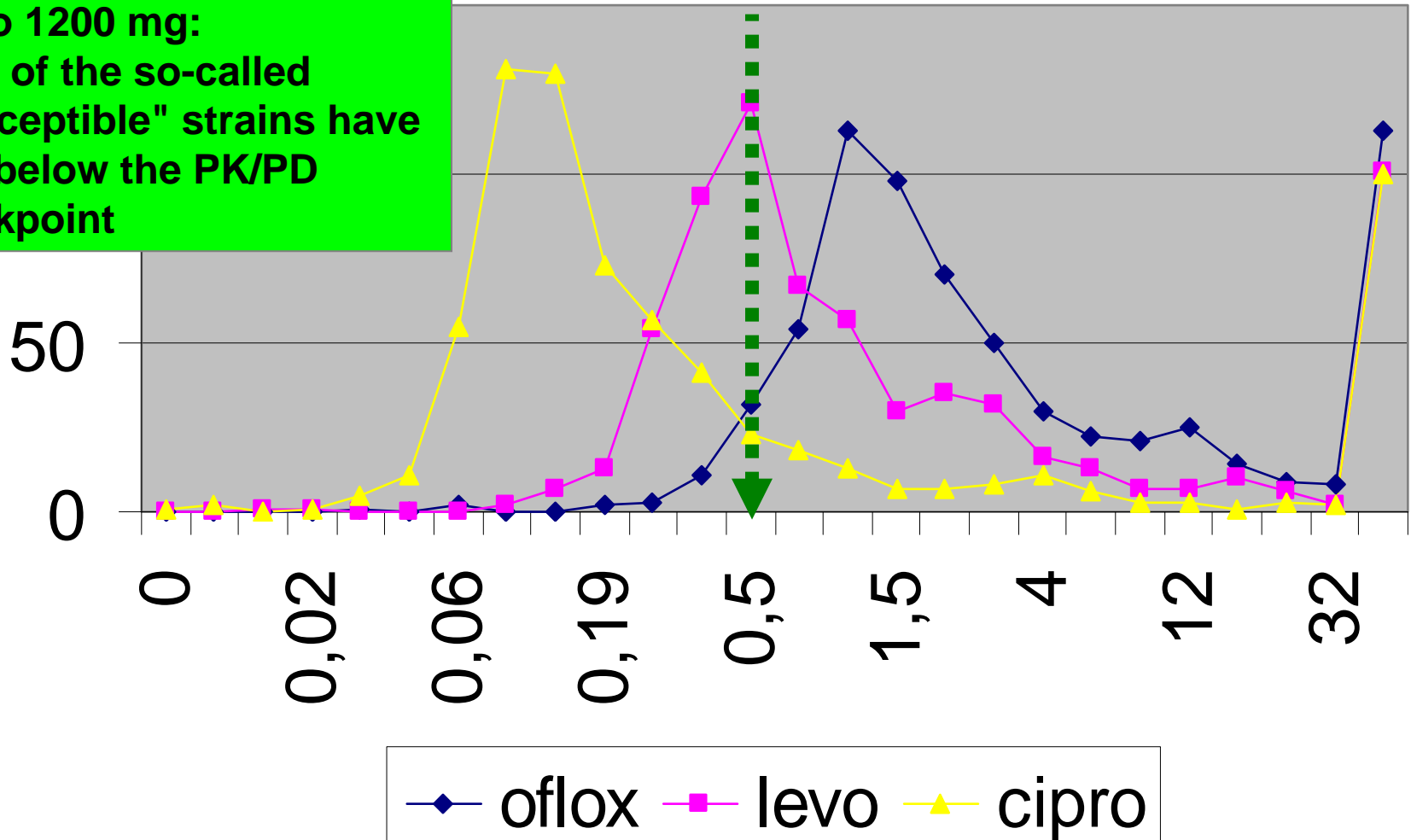
Distribution des CMI de *Ps. aeruginosa*



# Can we do the exercise in Belgium ?

## Distribution des CMI de *Ps. aeruginosa*

Cipro 1200 mg:  
85 % of the so-called  
"susceptible" strains have  
MIC below the PK/PD  
breakpoint



## Rational basis of quinolone choice...

- Knowledge of local epidemiology
  - **MIC distributions ...**
- Calculation of the PK profile necessary to obtain an optimal activity on > 90 % of the target organisms  
(in terms of AUC and peak)
  - **consider a safety margin (MPC ...)**
- Comparison between proposals ...